

INTERPRETATION

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IST Statute of Limitations Regulation**Preamble**

The statute of limitation regime to be adopted in TÉCNICO's 1st and 2nd cycle courses and integrated masters results from Law n.º 37/2003 of August 22 and, aims to promote the student's accountability; whereas these must show adequate school performance, justifying, on their merits, access to the social asset they benefit from: their education and training. According to Law n.º 37/2003, the student under the statute of limitations is prevented from applying or enrolling in that or another course in the following two semesters.

On August 18, 2020, as a result of the pandemic situation experienced in recent months, was published in Diário da República the Law n.º38/2020 with "Exceptional and temporary measures to safeguard the rights of public higher education workers and students", whereas on paragraph 3 of article 5 refers to changes to "Access to assessments and statute limitations regime... the 2019/2020 academic year is not considered for the purposes of accounting for the limitation period".

On June 8, 2021, Law No. 35/2021 amends Law N.º. 38/2020, where Article 5 states: "3 - The academic years 2019 -2020 and 2020-2021 are not considered for the purposes of accounting for the limitation period."

In 2021/2022 Técnico's new Teaching and Pedagogical Practices Model (MEPP) came into force, with effect for the entire academic community. All students who have not completed the 1st or 2nd cycle by the 2020/2021 academic year will switch to the new teaching model.

During the transition, several academic procedures were carried out, namely the attribution of equivalence between the old and new curriculum plans, and specific rules were safeguarded for access to the 2nd cycle of students enrolled in the integrated masters until 2020/2021.

Thus, if there is a connection between the old curriculum plan and the curriculum plan to which the student moved, both the enrollment years and the ECTS credits already completed will be accounted for in full, that is, from the beginning of the old curriculum plan.

In the case of integrated cycle courses, the values in the previous table apply separately to each of the cycles, considering that the student attends the 2nd cycle when he has completed all the curricular units of the 1st cycle.

Article 1
Statute of Limitations regime

1st cycle students:

1. Students who meet the conditions defined in the following table will be considered under the limitation period in ANO_{N+1}:

Maximum number of enrollments in 2003/04 academic year until YEAR _N ⁽¹⁾	ECTS credits obtained until YEAR _N (ECTS _N)
3	≤ 59,5
4	≤ 119,5
≥ 5	≤ 179,5

2. After a first statute of limitations, students who meet the conditions defined in the following table will again incur a statute of limitations:

Maximum number of enrollments after limitation period between 2007/08 and YEAR _N ⁽²⁾	ECTS credits obtained after re enrollment and after limitation period between 2007/08 and YEAR _N (ECTSP _N)
2	≤ 59,5
3	≤ 119,5
≥ 4	≤ 179,5

3. In the case of a student who is studying part-time, for the purpose of applying the Tables in point 1 and point 2, only 0.5 is counted for each enrollment made under these conditions.
4. For students listed in 1 and 2, and in order not to penalize those who are demonstrably in a regime of recovery of their school performance, or close to completing the cycle, the statute of limitations will automatically be lifted for those who meet one (or both) of the following requirements:

1 For the computing of the number of enrollments in academic years, the years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 are not counted in accordance with Law n.º 35/2021.

2 For the computing of the number of enrollments in academic years, the years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 are not counted in accordance with Law n.º 35/2021.

For those incurring limitation period for the 1st time

- $ECTS_N > ECTS_{N-1} \wedge ECTS_{N-1} \geq 12$
- Have the possibility of reaching the minimum values defined in the table provided for in 1, or completing the cycle, if they are enrolled on a part-time basis in the following academic year.;

For those who have previously under limitation period

- $ECTSP_N > ECTSP_{N-1} \wedge ECTSP_{N-1} \geq 12$
- Have the possibility of reaching the minimum values defined in the table provided for in 2, or completing the cycle, if they are enrolled on a part-time basis in the following academic year.

2nd cycle students:

1. Students who meet the conditions defined in the following table will be considered under the limitation period in YEAR_{N+1}:

Maximum number of enrollments in 2003/04 academic year until YEAR _N ⁽³⁾	ECTS credits obtained until YEAR _N (ECTS _N)
3	≤ 59,5
≥ 4	≤ 119,5

2. After a first statute of limitations, students who meet the conditions defined in the following table will again incur a statute of limitations:

Maximum number of enrollments after limitation period between 2007/08 and YEAR _N ⁽⁴⁾	ECTS credits obtained after re enrollment and after limitation period between 2007/08 and YEAR _N (ECTSP _N)
2	≤ 59,5
≥ 3	≤ 119,5

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- $ECTS_N > ECTS_{N-1} \wedge ECTS_{N-1} \geq 12$
- Have the possibility of reaching the minimum values defined in the table provided for in 1, or completing the cycle, if they are enrolled on a part-time basis in the following academic year.

For those who have previously under limitation period

- $ECTSP_N > ECTSP_{N-1} \wedge ECTSP_{N-1} \geq 12$
- Have the possibility of reaching the minimum values defined in the table provided for in 2, or completing the cycle, if they are enrolled on a part-time basis in the following academic year.

Bearing in mind the principle of proportionality, constitutionally and legally established, the application of statute of limitation rules may also be adjusted to cases in which, invoked and unequivocally proven by the student, the student, for reasons of force majeure, found himself unable to attend the teaching activities and thus achieve a minimum level of academic achievement. Such adjustment will be made upon request addressed to the President of IST and delivered to the Undergraduate Area (Alameda) or in the Human and Academic Resources Management Area of Taguspark.

Article 2

Notice and publishing the list of prescriptions

1. In the month of August of each year, the provisional lists of students to expire in the following academic year are published and these students may, under the terms of paragraph 1 of article 121 of the Code of Administrative Procedure, present their case, in writing and within a period of ten working days from the posting of these provisional lists, on the provisional statute of limitations decision, which will become definitive in the absence of this pronouncement.
2. The registration of students under the statute of limitations will be prohibited during one academic year (two consecutive semesters), and re-enrollment in the following academic year may be required, under regulatory terms.